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Via email (ropski.carol@epa.gov) and U.S. mail
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Re: South Dayton Dump and Landfill Site in Moraine, Ohio

Dear Ms. Ropski,

This responds to the September 10 letter titled "General Notice of Potential Liability" addressed to The Ohio Bell Telephone Company ("Ohio Bell"), care of CT Corporation System. I am responding on behalf of Ohio Bell.

CT received the September 10 letter on September 17 and I received it on September 18, too late to attend the September 19 meeting in Chicago. I believe the September 10 letter was the first time Ohio Bell was notified of potential liability at this site. I have subsequently seen the transcript of the deposition taken April 24, 2012 of Ed Grillot; that is the only information I have about the potential nexus between Ohio Bell and the site. We have not yet performed an internal investigation. Therefore I am not yet ready to comment on Ohio Bell's potential liability for this site.

Similarly, I am not yet ready to commit that Ohio Bell will participate in performing or financing the removal activities described in the September 10 letter and in reimbursing EPA for its costs. However, our typical approach in such matters is to participate and pay a fair share, when there is sufficient evidence of potential liability.

Please direct correspondence on this matter to me, at the address above. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul Shorb